

REMARKS

In view of the extended period of time since the filing of this application, applicant has made a fresh review of its content and has identified numerous typographical errors. The changes to the specification have been provided in this amendment to correct these errors, as well as provide better consistency throughout the disclosure material. For example, references to "lateral" movement have been eliminated to avoid confusion with respect to lateral movement of a wave, but not necessarily lateral movement of the water. Those skilled in the art readily understand the dynamic action associated with waves occurring in the ocean; however, a casual reader may benefit from this clarification. Other changes have been made on a similar basis to develop enhanced consistency in the application, particularly with the claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to note that the power output occurs at the location of the transducer or pressure sensing structure on the ocean floor, a condition which was believed to be inherent in the claim scope, but for purposes of clarity, is properly set forth in an affirmative manner. Accordingly, it is believed that this amendment does not modify the scope of the original claim and is not submitted, therefore, as a limitation for purposes of patentability. Rather, applicant is making a good faith attempt to accelerate the prosecution of this application in view of its extended delay at the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Claim 10 is amended to focus the claim of novelty to include the moveable head plate as a component of the transducer as described and shown.

Claims 11, 12, 13 and 19 include amendments to eliminate orientation limitations deemed unnecessary, thereby broadening the claims to a more accurate statement of the invention.

Claim 20 adds a limitation that the pressure sensing structure is positioned at least five feet below the water level. This limitation is consistent with the disclosure on page 9, line 18 of the PCT application as filed.

The remaining amendments to original claims are typographical in nature and do not limit the scope of the originally defined invention. Accordingly, all claims are believed to be either broader or equal in scope to the originally filed claims, except for claim 22.

New claims 24 through 29 are drawn from the originally submitted claims and are likewise fully supported in the specification and drawings.

To further expedite examination of this application, applicant has included newly discovered art as identified in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement. UK Patent Application GB 2282188 discloses an underwater device that operates along a changing depth or floor gradient. This device provides an array of chambers that operate to sequentially increase air pressure within the flexible chamber array. This pressurized air "is then passed to a high pressure air reservoir (not shown)" which is then available for conventional processing. Accordingly, this disclosure is for a device or method for